

REALM OF FAIR WOMEN.

Prince Murat Explains Why His Engagement With Miss Caldwell Was Broken.

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Swavage Affection of a Boston Girl for a Brooklyn Schoolmate—Mary Garrett's Generosity.

Prince Murat, the gallant French cavalry general, who has become variously decorated and extensively gray in the Paris salon and a provincial chateau, has finally refused to let himself out as a mari decoratif to the pious American heiress who gave half a million to a Catholic university. "Hein," said the prince to a circle of intimates last evening, "the Jockey club was assez de la gallette. Not enough money. I say nothing to my fiancée about money until Saturday. The lawyer calls at her hotel where we were all gathered by appointment to sign the settlements. I had expected to witness on her part some generous elan. What do you imagine I saw? That during my life time I was to be allowed 50,000 francs only, and should she die before me leaving no heirs the money was all to revert to her family."

"Madame," said, "You deceive yourself greatly; I am not an Italian. French princes are quoted much higher in the matrimonial stock list, and with my most distinguished salutations I left."

The prince was congratulated for the noble stand he made against the American bear movement on the European matrimonial market, and the money Baccarat was resumed. But this is the truth. Miss Caldwell plainly stated from the commencement of the affair that should the marriage take place she proposed to run her finances as before. She was willing to give her husband 50,000 francs per annum for cigarettes and Paris mutuels on Sunday races, but had no idea of entrusting her fortune to such spendthrift hands. Murat acquiesced, hoping that by good behavior he would obtain more liberal terms, but Miss Caldwell never faltered in her thrifty resolution. Though on pleasure bent she evidently had a frugal mind. Finally Murat's family, and in particular Prince Joachim, intervened and tried to dissuade the head of the house from a messianic by which, owing to the hard bargain driven, the family was not to profit, and when the Princess Joachim learned how cheap her father-in-law was going she offered out of her private fortune to give him the same allowance, provided the marriage should not take place, and as the Princess Joachim is the niece and principal heiress of the late Mme. Hortado Heine it was simply a fleabite. So the engagement has come to a happier ending than the friends of both parties were ever justified in hoping for. Prince Murat has gone to Fontainebleau today to take part in a large shooting battle of two days, while James Gordon Bennett is giving at his celebrated castle there, while Miss Caldwell's house on the Avenue d'Alma is alive with congratulatory visitors, and everything goes merry as a marriage bell without the chilling presence of a sex-anguenarian groom. The moral of the story which American heiresses must take to heart is that they cannot be provided with a first-class prince without paying for him.

Strange Affection.

A charming Brooklyn society belle had a strange experience with a Boston girl friend. They were chums in college, roomed together, walked together and were almost inseparable. The Brooklyn girl had the power of exerting great influence over her companion. When they bade each other a last farewell at the end of their college days she did not suspect that the effusion of tender words was anything beyond the usual expressions of strong feelings that old friends experience at parting. It was after her companion had returned to the Boston girl began writing daily letters filled with the most passionate outpourings of love that she realized the extent of her power over her friend. At first the Brooklyn girl reasoned with her Boston friend, then she scolded her, but to no effect, each day's mail brought the same old-told tale of affection. At last she refused to answer the letters. Two years after the Boston girl married. One day there came an invitation from the hub to make the young married couple a visit. Believing that her old friend had at last cured of her first love she ventured to accept the invitation. She soon learned her mistake. The young husband said his wife talked to her continually, and seemed indifferent to her devotion until he almost felt jealous. The girl cut her visit short. She was disgusted, and determined that henceforth she would religiously avoid her old friend. A year later she received word that her old chum had died of a broken heart—actually pined away her life. One of the last things she did was to make her will, bequeathing all her property, amounting to several thousand dollars, to the Brooklyn belle.

The Baltimore College for Women.

Miss Mary Garrett's new college building in Baltimore is about completed, and the college will soon be opened. A number of charitable Baltimore women are particularly interested in Miss Garrett's scheme, and lack of means will probably not stand in the way of its future development. This new institution is to be conducted on the same plan as Bryn Mawr College. The building will cost nearly \$250,000; it is to be four stories high, and fire proof. Miss Garrett has paid particular attention to the gymnastic feature of the institution, being an earnest advocate of physical culture for women.

The Proper Thing in Stationery.

First as to wedding invitations and calling cards. The plainest, simplest thing possible is correct this year as always; there are firms that put up boxes of cheap, gaudy invitations and envelope which they call "wedding outfits," but that were only goes to people who don't know what is right. If you were to go to Tiffany's he would show you a white or a cream paper for the engraving and three envelopes; there is not, as some folks think, any one envelope that is strictly "the thing," but this season there are three of them, each one perfectly proper; the only difference in them is the way the flap is cut. On one of them it is cut to a point and on the other two it is square corners; one of the square corners ones laps over further than the other. But the envelopes themselves are very nearly alike. Calling cards have not changed a bit; the lady's card is large and almost square, while the gentleman's is diminutive in size and oblong in shape.

In writing paper there is a great deal in the matter of choice. Any high grade paper is correct enough, but the preference is for rough paper; it is cut rather larger than ever before. In colors, white will always hold the first place, although this year a delicate blue and a light pink are winning great favor. The cause of that is that a new process of staining has been discovered, called from its resemblance to a cameo the "wedgewood cameo." The only difference from other modes of staining is in the ink, which is white, and, of course, to show to any advantage it must be used on colored paper for the contrast. The monogram is coming up again, and the coat-of-arms is going to be used once more. They never really went out of fashion, but people got tired of them and consequently they

were not used. But the wheel has revolved again and staining is the result; stamps on everything from a paper cutter to a penholder.

There are three novelties in letter paper this year. They are the "Barnes ivory," which, as its name implies, is a fair representation of thin sheets of ivory, the "royal Worcester," a rough paper with a finish resembling the famous ware, and the cloth-finished paper that feels to the touch like cloth. The old "ragged edge" has had its day and died a natural death. It is considered poor form to use it for correspondence now.

The Art of Leaving.

When Mme. de Stael visited Weimer with the avowed intention of intellectually capturing the literary lions of the day—Goethe and Schiller—she made one fatal mistake—she staid too long. Goethe wrote to Schiller: "Mme. de Stael is a bright, entertaining person, but she ought to know when it is time to go."

The art of leaving is less understood by women than by men. The habits of business and exactness of business life, all tend to make men who, in cities the best possible exemplars of the fine art of leaving quickly and neatly. A business man's social call is usually a model of good manners in this respect. When he has said what he has to say and listened to what there is to hear, he takes his hat, says "good evening," and is out of your presence without giving any time or change for the too often tedious and embarrassing complaisances of mutual invitations and promises to call again which seem to be a kind of social formula with women. In striking contrasts with this neat and skillful method of cutting short the prating words of an interview or call is the too common social practice of visitors, who, commencing to leave, seem temporarily to abandon their purpose and then linger, as though it was a kind of compliment to the hostess to appear loth to part company.

Who does not dread the visitor who starts, then thinks of something else to say; rises, and then thinks of another subject of conversation; nearly reaches the door and, most probably holding it open, is aroused to a degree of mental brilliancy that threatens his health and that of his host or hostess by long-drawn-out both in a cold draught and a hot one. The visitor who, with the patience and politeness of the listener, who vainly strives by assenting instantly to every proposition, to end the interview and break the restraining bond of polite attention!

The Late Lady Holland.

A great number of articles have been written lately ostensibly about Lady Holland, but really about Holland house, says London Truth. Several journals confused the Lady Holland, who has just died with her famous mother-in-law who has been in her grave for forty-four years, and in enumerating the former habits of Holland house then mention "Daniel the younger," who never entered within its gates in the time of the Lady Holland. The late Lady Holland was once described as a copy of her mother-in-law seen through the small end of an opera glass; but she was a clever woman and her conversational powers were remarkable. She was a kind and staunch friend to those whom she liked. Lady Holland's garden parties at Holland house, which were discontinued about six years ago, in consequence of her increasing infirmities, were very remarkable entertainments. There was always a great gathering of royalties, with all the best of the really smart people, and a large number of guests who were distinguished only for their own talents; but the nouveaux riches herd were rigorously excluded. Lady Holland continued her small dinner parties and receptions until the last, and when out of town she received guests every week at St. Ann's Hill. Her death closes the very last salon in London, and many of the habits of the Holland House will feel the blank as long as they can feel anything.

For the Bridal Trip.

Nowadays the traveling costume is a noticeable garment. It is not possible for any old dress to be worn and to be worn out in the process of traveling without becoming in a measure remarkable. Pains should be taken in starting to choose a well adapted and comfortably fitting one; the skirt the exact length to suit the walking, dimensions only sufficiently ample to hang well, color that does not show dust quickly, and a shade that does not perpetually attract observation. Weight at the hem of a skirt, heavy foundation, and a touch of lace to fatigue in walking excursions. It is surprising how such trifles studied in the making of a dress will prove a pleasure to the wearer at the contrary. For the contemplated trip dress such as is worn at home in spring will do. A light tweed or homespun covert jacket, which admits of being worn, if desired, without bodies of dress, but with shirt fronts or loose drapery. A variety of blouses take little room and give a different appearance to the costume. A second morning dress will be necessary, a stylish one for table d'hôte, Black always looks well. A long cloak of alpaca is convenient either for night journeys in railway, or to act as a dust cloak. A couple of pairs of comfortable and serviceable-soled boots for walking, and a good supply of stockings.

Styles in Scent.

If you wear pink silk underwear they should be kept between sheets of hyacinth odor. If you affect pale lilac you should perfume your undergarments with violets. If pale yellow is the color they should surround you with the sweet scents of Marchal Nyl or the jessamine.

A Woman Martyr.

Miss Nellie Flavin, a Liverpool girl, however, is the only woman who has yet volunteered to labor in the dreared spot at Kalawo consecrated by the work of "the apostle of the lepers," says Donovoe's Magazine. She passed through New York several weeks ago, and her presence became known through the action of the custom house authorities, who seized the vestments she had brought for the use of Father Damien. She refused to speak about herself, and many were of the opinion that her story was a subterfuge to draw attention to the vestments. They were shipped to San Francisco to be given to her at her departure from that port, and her English friends had a brief sketch of her life published as an answer to her charge of the custom house authorities. The Liverpool Catholic Times tells who she is: "Nellie Flavin is highly accomplished, well educated, and very well known in well-informed catholic circles in Liverpool. Thoroughly taught at the boarding school of the Faithful Companions of Jesus, Dee House, Chester, she became a daily governess, some time after leaving school, to the family of Mr. Pierce, Beaver House, Linnet lane, Sefton Park, Liverpool, and remained with that family until 1886, when she left for London to undergo there a course of hospital training. Miss Nellie Flavin is a brilliant pianist, and is of an amiable, energetic and amiable disposition. She has broken many strong ties to devote her life to the service of God's most afflicted creatures, and has left behind her a mother, sister and brother, as well as many friends, holding her in their heart of hearts."

Beauty Kept Fresh.

"How do you manage to keep so fresh and newwired?" was asked by the Newport correspondent of the Providence Journal of a dashing belle who had not been in bed be-

fore 3 o'clock a single night for three weeks past. "Shall I tell you the secret?" was the reply. "Whenever I go home at 1, 2, 3 or 4 o'clock, as the case may be, my maid waits up for me and gets a warm bath instantly ready. After I have jumped into that and out of it again quickly she gives me a large cupful of smoking hot bouillon, into which she puts some sherry, and I drink it off as briskly as I can, then pop into bed, and in ten minutes I am sound asleep. In the morning I am allowed to sleep until I wake myself. My maid never has me called unless, perhaps, I am unusually tired, and do open my eyes in time to get ready for some luncheon at which I am due. Then, of course, they have to rescue me. I have a jolly cold bath and a light breakfast, generally nothing more than a cup of coffee and a roll, dress, order round my ponies, and here I am!"

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